

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006  
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL  
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Gilliland at 5:32 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Gilliland  
Vice-Chairman Brian Davis  
Commissioner Michael Bruz  
Commissioner J. David Hill  
Commissioner William Howard  
Commissioner Kelly McCall

ABSENT: Commissioner Matthew Taunton

STAFF PRESENT: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator  
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner  
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director  
Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager  
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director

OTHER: Paul Basha, Morrison Maierle  
Charlie Hales, Project Manager - HDR

2. **QUESTIONS REGARDING TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA / COMMENTS**

Ms. O'Connor identified PowerPoint pages in Commissioner packets. She noted that the photo enforcement project will begin on Sunday at 12:01 a.m., that there would be system testing up until that time, and that warning notices will be sent to violators for the first 30 days. She noted that specific questions about 96<sup>th</sup> Street would be responded to during the regular session.

Chairman Gilliland reported an e-mail request from Susan Wood for information about construction on 96<sup>th</sup> Street, including construction schedule, cost, and specific safety issues for pedestrians, splitter islands, and trees.

- **Transportation Master Plan Update**

Ms. O'Connor noted that Charlie Hales, Project Manager of HDR, and Ms. Huish would be making a presentation regarding the scope as well as more detail on public involvement for the Master Plan.

Ms. O'Connor reported there had been a media request from the Tribune concerning light rail, which is not on the agenda.

- **Traffic Calming Policies and Procedures**

Ms. O'Connor noted that Paul Basha would be making a presentation discussing information obtained from research and focus groups conducted by his group. She noted that the comments had been summarized into categories that may later be used in the modification or addition to the existing policy document.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Hill, Ms. O'Connor noted focus group participants as being between eight and twelve people. Commissioner Hill noted he would be leery of working with information from such a small sample. Ms. O'Connor clarified that this is not statistically valid data. A broader public process will continue. Participants in the focus group were invited because of their involvement in traffic calming projects.

- **Current Transportation Project Updates**

In response to Chairman Gilliland's inquiry concerning identifying affected areas and determining consensus, Ms. O'Connor summarized that some projects will not move forward until the study is completed by community choice, there are some developer stipulations, and there are people who are frustrated that projects are not yet completed.

Ms. O'Connor opined that the ordinance and bylaws reviews should be addressed at the next study session with the attorney present.

In response to Chairman Gilliland, Ms. O'Connor stated that the ordinance and bylaws were created by the citizens for better transportation in the late 80's and they were responsible for creating the Transportation Department, the two-tenth's sales tax, and capital funding sources. She noted they are reasonably comprehensive and the attorney will be able to help with items and language that needs to be updated along with answering any technical questions.

Ms. O'Connor noted the cancellation of ADOT's presentation and their invitation to make a presentation at the February meeting.

In response to Commissioner McCall's inquiry, Mr. Meinhart summarized how segments relating to 96<sup>th</sup> street were being prioritized. He also noted that 90<sup>th</sup> Street and Shea as well as 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and Shea would be completed before initiating construction on the Cactus corridor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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